



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Nov. 19 - Dec. 2, 2017

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"Large enough to educate you, small enough to know you."

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A Few Words from the Superintendent . . .

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sometimes, we lose perspective on how much we have to be thankful for in our lives. We don't realize how good we have it. Hopefully, no one in your family has had the hardships that the Pilgrims had when they came to the New World. There were 102 Pilgrims that came across the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower. In the first year, 1620, the Pilgrims lost most of their colony to sickness or disease during the winter. By the end of their first year, there were only 38 survivors. How many of us would have gone if there was a possibility that 2/3 of the people that you sailed with would die in the first year? In 1621 Governor Bradford arranged a harvest that consisted of ducks, geese, and turkeys the Plymouth men shot and five deer the Indians shot. The meal also included fish, clams, eels, wild plums, leeks, watercress, and cornbread. Everyone ate outside and the celebration lasted for three days. **Thanksgiving Day**, is a day intended to celebrate the Pilgrims' survival and the help they received from the Indians, who taught them how to survive in the New World.

I think if we take some time, we all have something we can be thankful for on next Thursday. Getting together with family, sharing what we have to be grateful for, thinking of loved ones who can't be there and reminiscing about the past is what Thanksgiving is all about. So on the behalf of teachers, staff, administration, and school board, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.





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Ted N. Sanders, Superintendent

Terry Ahearn, Principal

November 13, 2017

Re: Lead in Drinking Water Testing Bill SB 0550

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the past few years, lead in water supplies has become a major topic across the nation. In response to this, on January 17, 2017, Governor Rauner signed into law: **SB 0550-The Lead in Drinking Water Testing Bill**.

The law requires that all school buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1987 have all drinking water and water used for food preparation tested by December 31st, 2017. Additionally, any building constructed between January 2, 1987 and January 1, 2000, is required to have all drinking water and water used for food preparation tested by December 31, 2018. Grand Ridge CCSD #95 has completed the water testing for all areas of the building. At this time none of our drinking fountains or food preparation areas were found to contain lead above the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) recommendation of 5 ppb (parts per billion). However, some areas where students wash hands were found to contain lead above that level. We believe the cause to be in the fixtures in classroom sinks and bathroom sinks. A full list of these locations will be included on our website at grgs95.org.

Since these areas are not for drinking purposes, we do not believe that they pose a significant risk to students; however, we are taking the precaution to label those areas in the building as unsafe for consumption, or for the younger students, "do not drink." The complete protocols, procedures, sources tested, documentation, and test results may be found on the Grand Ridge web site: grgs95.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at **815-249-6225**. You may also visit the USEPA's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.

Yours in Education,

Ted N. Sanders

Superintendent

Grand Ridge District 95

Calendar of Events

Sun. Nov. 19th - Wreath Order Pick Up 9 - 11 a.m.

*Mon. Nov. 20 - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals
5/6 Boys Basketball vs Marseilles 5pm
7/8 Boys Basketball @ Marseilles 5pm*

Tues. Nov. 21

Wed. Nov. 22 - No School / Thanksgiving Break

Thur. Nov. 23 - No School / Happy Thanksgiving

Fri. Nov. 24 - No School / Thanksgiving Break

*Mon. Nov. 27 - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals
5/6 Boys Basketball vs Woodland 5pm
Vision / Hearing Screening*

*Tues. Nov. 28 - 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Wallace 5pm
7/8 Boys Basketball @ Wallace 5pm
Midterms*

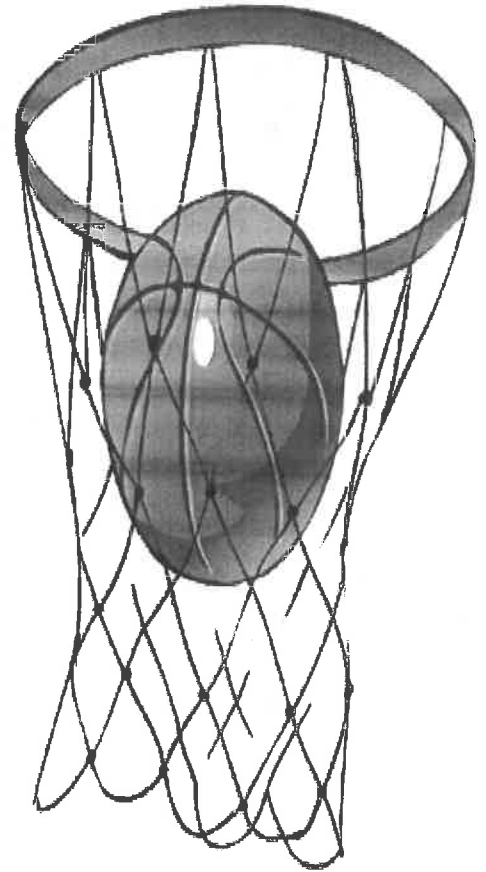
*Weds. Nov. 29 - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Sectionals
2:20 Dismissal
Booster Club Meeting 7pm*

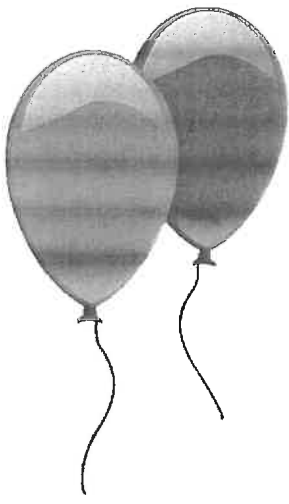
*Thursday Nov. 30 - 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Washington 5pm
7/8 Boys Basketball @ Woodland 5pm
8th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals*

*Fri. Dec. 1 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Marseilles Tournament
8th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals*

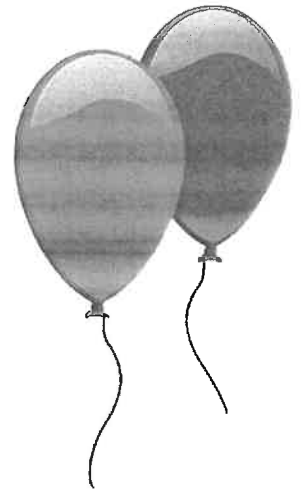
*Sat. Dec. 2 - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Tri Play @ MVK
7th Grade Girls Basketball State*

*Dec. 4 - 8 * Santa Secret Shop for all grades during school hours **





Special Birthdays



Nov. 21 Jersie Lechel

Nov. 25 Caleb Marek

*Nov. 26 Mrs. Doerr
Brian Gutierrez*

Nov. 27 Armando Ahlfield

**** PLEASE NOTE:
MENU IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY ****

Lunch & Breakfast Menus

	Monday Nov. 20	Tuesday Nov. 21	Wednesday Nov. 22	Thursday Nov. 23	Friday Nov. 24
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice	Pizza Fruit	No School	No School	No School
Lunch Menu	Chicken Patty on Bun Salad w/ Dressing Mandarin Oranges Condiments	Chili Cornbread or Crackers Applesauce Sorbet	No School	No School	No School

	Monday Nov. 27	Tuesday Nov. 28	Wednesday Nov. 29	Thursday Nov. 30
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Cheese Toast Fruit Juice	Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	Omelet Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Fingers Fries Ketchup Cup Orange Smiles	Nacho Supreme Salsa Refried Beans Peaches	Chicken Noodle Casserole Carrots Mixed Fruit Bread & Butter

Santa's Secret Shop

We are having our annual PTO Santa's Secret Shop *December 4-8* for all grades during school hours. The children will have an opportunity to shop for great Christmas presents at low prices for their families and pets. The teachers will sign up their homeroom classes to shop and let the students know when they will be doing their shopping. The gifts will be bagged and ready to put under your Christmas tree.

To volunteer to help the kids shop, purchase, or bag their gifts, please call or text Paula Krohe at (815)257-3772.

The list below is especially helpful when others are assisting the younger children shop for and wrap their gifts. Gift items are priced \$.25 - \$3.00. If necessary, please help your children budget and make their lists using the following:

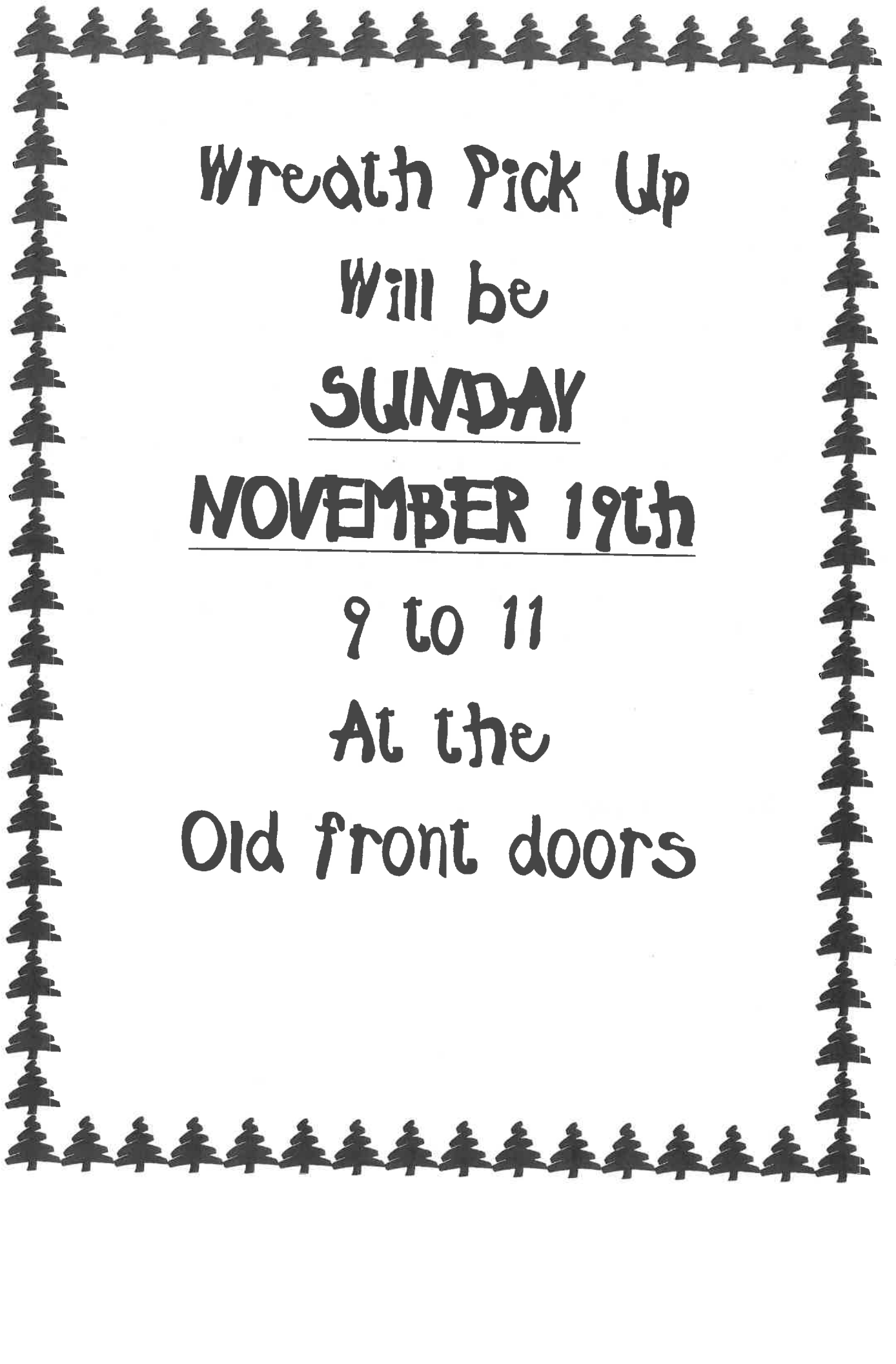
My Shopping List

Relative/name:

I can spend:

- | | |
|----|----|
| 1. | \$ |
| 2. | \$ |
| 3. | \$ |
| 4. | \$ |
| 5. | \$ |
| 6. | \$ |

~Names may be added for larger families.



Wreath Pick Up

Will be

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19th

9 to 11

At the

Old front doors

2017-2018 Final deadlines for Labels for Education®

With the Labels for Education Program coming to a close, please keep these dates in mind so your school can maximize all the points it can collect and redeem.

January 2, 2018 - Final date to submit UPCs into your school's bank account. All UPCs with the Labels for Education logo must be mailed & postmarked by 1/2/18 for acceptance.

May 31, 2018 - Last day to redeem merchandise for your school from the 2017-2018 Merchandise Catalog - be sure to get your orders in and postmarked no later than 5/31/18.

Please be sure to share these dates with your school and community. For any questions call 1-800-424-5331. And also, please continue to visit LabelsForEducation.com for full details.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the schools and all the families who have made Labels for Education so special over the years.

Sincerely,

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